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Official Call for the Thirteenth National Convention

Buffalo, N. Y., August 27, 28, 29, 1918

THE Executive Committee of the Luther League of America has accepted the invitation of the Buffalo District of the Luther League of New York and the Federation of Men's Bible Classes to hold the THIRTEENTH BIENNIAL CONVENTION in Buffalo, New York, August 27, 28, 29, 1918.

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Any society of whatever name, connected with a Lutheran congregation or a Lutheran institution of learning, and District and State organizations whose admission shall have been recommended by the Committee on Credentials, are entitled to membership with representations as follows: Each society admitted to membership shall be entitled to one delegate, each District League to three delegates, and each State or Territorial organization to ten delegates. Delegates to the Convention are expected and required to present properly certified credentials. The credentials should be signed by the President and Secretary of each organization, whether State, District or Local League. Delegates will be asked to pay a REGISTRATION FEE of $1.00.

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Particulars as to hotels and other local arrangements will be furnished in due season by the local Convention committee.

The last Convention at Buffalo was a great one. The local committee claim that the coming one will be greater.

Arrange your vacation to include August 27, 28, 29, and spend it at Buffalo.

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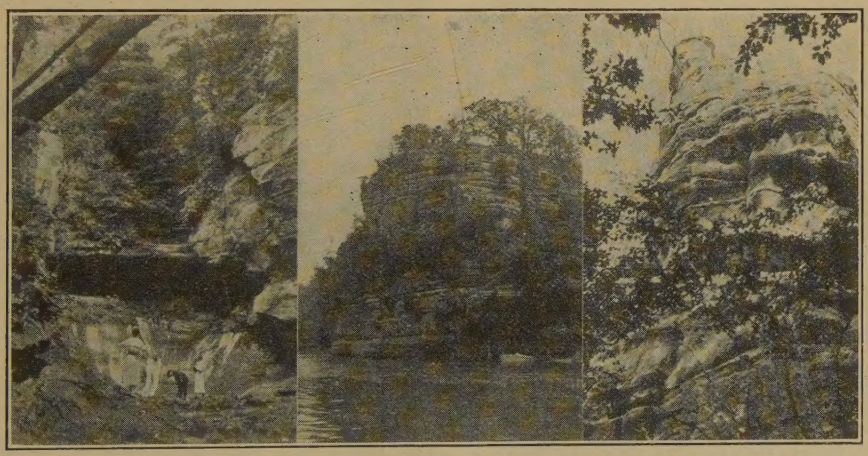
Starved Rock

BY MINNIE L. BOEDECKER.

STARVED ROCK! The first thing we think of is a huge rock, and then we wonder why people go to see it and come back filled with enthusiastic stories about the beauties of Starved Rock. What could be particularly beautiful about a mere rock? One trip is convincing and we go back as often as circumstances will permit, to see the Rock, as we learn that this is not the only attraction at Starved Rock State Park, near Utica, Ill.

these unique river bluffs with their interesting and varied vegetation as an heritage to future generations, so that they may remain forever a true type of the landscape of this section of Illinois.

The only way to see the wonders of this place is on foot and the visitor should come provided with good heavy shoes and outing clothing. While a lover of nature or a student of geology or botany could spend many weeks or months here, it is possible



Glen in Deer Park. Starved Rock Pulpit Rock.

PICTURESQUE POINTS AT STARVED ROCK STATE PARK.

Geographically, it is located in La Salle County, Illinois, rising abruptly out of the water to a height of 157 feet, on the south bank of the Illinois River.

The hotel, rocks and various canyons are situated in Starved Rock State Park, belonging to the State of Illinois, and comprise 1,155 acres of the most historic and scenic land in the State. This park was purchased for the purpose of preserving

to see a good deal of the place in a day or two. Many kinds of ferns and wild flowers are found in profusion in the different canyons, while the formation of the various rocks is nothing short of marvelous and make one realize more than ever the greatness of the Master who created all things, for no human hand could ever have devised such plans.

The first place we visit is Starved Rock.

This is the site of the French Fort Saint Louis, where the great tribe of the Illini Indians made their last stand.

In September, 1673, Father Marquette, accompanied by Joliet, five oarsmen and two Indian interpreters, sailed up the Illinois. Their fleet consisted of two canoes and on the sail of the foremost was printed a pipe and a cross, emblematic of friendship and Christianity.

On the plain opposite Starved Rock was Kaskaskia, the great Indian village of the Illini tribe. Father Marquette remained among the Indians baptizing and converting them, and established here the first mission in the State.

In 1681 came La Salle and Tonti, who intrenched themselves on Starved Rock, being impressed with its natural advantages in case of Indian hostilities, and named it Fort Saint Louis, in honor of Louis XIV.

About 1770 a series of distressing incidents occurred in the territory of the Illini tribe, the memories of which gave its name to Starved Rock.

Pontiac, the great chief of the Pottawatomies, at a council of war was stabbed to death by one of the Illini warriors, and for this offense the Pottawatomies swore bloody war of extermination on the Illini. For many days they fought with all the savage fury known to the Indian, and the Illini were soon reduced to a few warriors. These with their women and children, under cover of night, climbed to the summit of the rock.

Surrounded by the foe, with but a scant supply of food and water, the days passed but no chance of escape presented itself. That which they had thought to be a haven of safety was destined to become their tomb. After they had been on the rock for about fifteen days (during which time a great many of them had starved to death) a party of the enemy forces ascended the rock and tomahawked both the living and the dead, leaving their remains on the rock to decay, where their bones were seen for many years afterward.

With these facts before us, is it any wonder that the place is interesting?

After having gazed at the country and river, of which one can get a view for miles from the summit of the rock, we descend and the next place we visit is Lover's Leap, a rock somewhat similar to Starved Rock, but higher, being 170 feet high. This, too, has an interesting story connected with it.

Wau-wa-to-sa was the pride of the village of the Illini, and the daughter of a savage. When she grew to womanhood love came to her in the form of a warrior, "brave and bold, with many a scar and feather." Often would they sit in the gloaming by the light of the moon, while he told her that old story of love, which is the same in all languages and all countries.

One day in July came the day of parting, and with a fond farewell to Wau-wa-to-sa his canoe shot up the Illinois. Wau-wa-to-sa watched it fade in the distance and then all vanished forever. He had promised to return in the autumn—but he never came back, yet Wau-wa-to-sa remained true to him. For two years she waited, but still no tidings of the absent one. At last on the wings of the wind came the word that far away on the shores of another sea he lived and loved another maiden. So one night in the autumn, when the moon was shining over the leafless forest, Wau-wa-to-sa walked to the edge of the highest cliff, chanted the death song of her tribe and plunged downward into the rushing current below, where her spirit found rest.

We care not whether the legend is true or not, but the mere fact that we place a little faith in it throws a certain air of romance around the rock and we wonder how any one could have thought of death in such beautiful surroundings.

After the descent from this rock we select one of the many trails leading to the wonderful canyons that Nature has so graciously supplied in this particular territory.

French Canyon is perhaps the most beautiful of the canyons. Its rock walls tower more than 100 feet, and are festooned with mosses, vines and shrubs of many varieties.

Wildcat Canyon comes next in attractiveness, a ledge on the extreme end of it forming a pleasing cascade, and when water flows over it the scene is indeed lovely.

Horseshoe Canyon derives its name from the fact that the rock forms a semicircle, very much resembling a horseshoe. This is one of the largest canyons in the park.

Along the river bank on the way to Horseshoe Canyon we pass a most peculiarly formed rock, looking exactly like a huge pulpit, and naturally called Pulpit Rock. This rock rises about 100 feet above the river.

There are a great many smaller canyons of beauty in this park of wonders, but space does not permit going into further detail. Suffice to say, if one can spend the time there, he will find something different in each and every cave or canyon, something that will have made it worth his while to seek these places, sometimes with much dis-

comfort and also a greal deal of walking. Adjacent to Starved Rock, or just about a fifteen minutes' automobile ride, is Deer Park, which is located on the Vermilion River. This is a private estate, belonging to a citizen of La Salle, Ill. It is several hundred acres in extent and contains canyons of wondrous beauty. These and some of the canyons at Starved Rock are perhaps the most wonderful found this side of the Rocky Mountains.

The owner of Deer Park has spent a vast sum of money cutting trails, paths and roads for visitors, whom he welcomes as his guests at all times, asking only that certain rules be complied with as to the care of the property and that they do not frighten the deer in the deer pasture, the latter being one of the places of interest on this estate.

Starved Rock State Park is a monument to the Red Man of which Illinois can be justly proud.

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Swedish Lutheran Colonization

BY REV. FREDERICK DOERR.

LUTHERANS regret so few of the American historians gave little or no space to a part of American history that concerns not only the pioneer efforts of a European power but also the devotion and zeal of our own Lutheran Church.

The average American junior is very conversant with the subject of settlement either at Jamestown or at Plymouth Rock. How few, however, who know of the landing of the armed ship "The Key of Colmar" and the transport ship, of smaller size, "Bird Griffin," at "The Rocks," now Wilmington, Delaware. It is truly regrettable that partial historical treatment about matters near and dear to us has left the present generation almost in total ignorance. It is, therefore, a pleasurable task to me, one having lived a great part of my life so near to the spot where the Swedish Lutheran colonists landed, to write on the subject of Swedish Lutheran colonization.

It was in the mind of Sweden's illustrious hero, King Gustavus Adolphus, to prepare for colonial colonization. Sweden's young King became convinced that the plan presented to him by William Usselin, a native of Antwerp, would promote both Sweden's temporalities and the establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth—a subject very dear to him and to his people. The work of colonization was most ripe for execution when the necessities of the Thirty Years' War robbed Sweden first for a time and then for all time of her heroic ruler. The matter of colonization, however, was only interrupted, for a little more than five years after the death of Gustavus, who fell as the champion and the defender of Protestantism on the battlefield of Lützen, Swedish Lutheran colonists landed on our shores. It is said that the day before Gus- fell he recommended to his people with much earnestness the plan for the planting of an American colony.

The first Swedish colony was commanded by Peter Minuet, who had offered his services to Oxenstiern, the celebrated Chancellor of Sweden. The first colonists must have sailed from Gottenburg, Sweden, in the autumn of 1637. It was in the spring of 1638 when they landed at the rocks, "The Plymouth Rock of Delaware." America thus became the first transmarine Swedish Lutheran colony. It is to the credit of the first colonists that they did not come to our shores religionless. Rev. Reorus Torkillus accompanied Peter Minuet on this first expedition. Fort Christina, the genesis of Wilmington, Delaware, had within its enclosure a place of worship. It was not until May 28, 1698, sixty years after the landing of the Swedish colonists, that the cornerstone of "Old Swedes," Wilmington, Delaware, was laid.

The first church building erected by the colonists was at Fort Tinicum, just above Chester, Pa. This church was built in 1646, eight years after the landing of the colonists. "Old Swedes," Wilmington, antedates "Gloria Dei," Philadelphia, by one year.

Although the pen of the American historian has not been busy in chronicling the events of the Swedish Lutheran colonists, nevertheless these historical Swedish Lutheran churches, regardless of their having passed into other hands, will remain for many years monuments to tell there was a Swedish Lutheran colonization on our shores. About 1786 the long intercourse between the Swedish Lutheran churches in America and the ecclesiastical establishment in Sweden terminated. The last Swedish pastor was Rev. Collin of "Gloria Dei." There were a number of reasons why the Swedish churches on the Delaware

and elsewhere were lost to our Church. In that day there was no thought of making provision for a native Lutheran ministry. Neither the Swedes nor the Germans possessed this foresight. The early Swedish pastors fraternized most freely with the Anglican Church. Swedish pastors ministered cheerfully to the English churches. In consequence, it became an easy matter for Swedish congregations to decide the pastors could be either Lutherans or of the established church. After the relations with Sweden terminated, the shepherdless people had to look to others for their pastors. It was even later than this separation from Swedish ecclesiastical authority that Episcopal confirmation took place. The records at Wilmington tell there was no Episcopal confirmation until 1803. After this date the Lutheran name, so far as Lutheran services are concerned, entirely disappeared.

There is much of glory that can be traced to Swedish colonization that will never disappear. In closing let me give you the value another has placed on Swedish American colonization. He says: "Of all the motives that impelled the various nationalities to seek our shores in colonial days, those of the Swedes were noblest." Do you, in consequence of such a value, ask why the historian has been so silent about Swedish Lutheran colonization?

Wilmington, Delaware.

The Inner Mission of Buffalo

BY REV. WALTER KRUMWIEDE.

GREAT crises always call forth concrete evidences of the Church's love for her Master. This is shown in the origin of the Inner Mission of Buffalo. When the Civil War threw its dark pall over the land and laid a heavy hand on many homes, taking away the father, by death in the service of the Country, and the mother by sickness more of the heart than the body, Buffalo found itself with many orphans on its hands. Hearing the cry of need, the Church responded, and in 1864 inaugurated the Inner Mission of Buffalo with the establishment of the St. John's Orphan Home.

The Orphan Home has had a great history. It has met a sad need and has been richly blessed by the Saviour for its faithful service. In dark days, when fire destroyed the home, friends rallied to its support, and it came forth like the fabled phoenix, more beautiful and vigorous than ever before. The home now owns a beautiful farm of 100 acres just outside the city line, and includes the main building, a hospital, and several barns and outbuildings. Over 800 children have been sheltered at the home since its opening. At present 67 children are in the family.

The next step in the development of the Inner Mission was the founding of the Lutheran Church to care for the aged and infirm. This work was begun in 1896. As is always the case in the work of the Kingdom, God gives abundant increase not only of personal blessings, but also of opportunities; so that the Church Home had repeatedly to enlarge its facilities. The present site on West Delavan avenue was secured in 1906, and the new building occupied for the first time in 1907. Today it is one of the model institutions, not only of Buffalo, but of the whole state, and the Church can well be proud of it. One hundred and twenty old people have found happy hours in the declining days of their life in the Church Home. At present 35 persons are being cared for. Several of these are indeed venerable saints, way past the three score and ten, and even the fourscore years. Two are over ninety. One item of interest, which shows God's care, is this—the Home has never had to buy one pound of flour in twenty-two years.

With two such examples of the ministry of mercy constantly before its eyes, Buffalo could not long remain satisfied. Good work for God is self-perpetuating and self-developing. So, before long the great heart of Buffalo Lutheranism cried out for more to do. Then an organized Inner Mission work was suggested, and finally launched in 1913 with the founding of the Buffalo Inner Mission Society.

The first work of the Inner Mission Society was the opening of the Martin Luther Woman's Hospice, which received its first guest in the spring of 1914. Once this was firmly on its way, the wider work of the organized Inner Mission was begun in June, 1914. Since that time rapid strides have been made. The Society was incorporated, a Buffalo Lutheran Bureau has been opened, a book sales department established,

and a band of volunteer workers put to work in the ministry of mercy. In the past four years 12,143 bedside visits have been made in city hospitals; 369 institutional services conducted with a total attendance of 23,422; 642 visits made to the city and children's courts; about 100 penal cases handled; scores of families assisted to the extent of about $1,200; about 1,500 bed and meal tickets given to homeless men; 1,203 portions of Scripture in fifteen languages distributed; 4,028 magazines and 25,449 tracts given away.

The one wonderful thing about the Inner Mission is this: no sooner is one task seemingly finished when, behold, it re-presents itself increased several fold. It is indeed a ministry, and one of love and mercy, for it brings not only the comfort of God's salvation for the soul, but the gifts of His good providence for the mind and body as well.

In addition to the work of the General Council congregations, a very large work is done in Buffalo by the Missouri Synod. A hospice and home finding agency has charge of this work. A very fine piece of property is now in course of development. One of three buildings, the Lutheran Hospice is already complete. At this home at present there are some twenty old people. Transient guests are cared for in the hospice department. Many children have found loving homes through the home-finding department. A large city mission work is also being done.

A very fine spirit of co-operation has manifested itself on the part of the working forces of both these Inner Mission agencies of the Church, so that the influence of the Gospel and the care of the unfortunate and those needing our help are constantly widening the sphere of the Church's touch.

How Can You Best Encourage Junior League Work?

BY JANE TRUXELL.

THE Junior superintendent should come down on a level with the Junior. They should not be placed on a pedestal somewhere and have the Juniors look at them, but they should enter into the joys, sorrows and pleasures of the Juniors. They should become one with the Juniors and work with them. Another means of encouraging Junior work is to have an intense desire to teach the children. There are some who are not fitted to teach the children and who do not enter into the feelings of the children and therefore we should have an intense desire to teach them, and at the same time, encourage the Junior work among people who are not interested in it. To my mind the very happiest work in all the Church is working with the children. We want to emphasize that upon the minds of the young people who are looking for work in the Church. We might use as an illustration the gardener who placed a bulb in the earth. That bulb does not seem to amount to anything. It is not very nice to look upon. He places the bulb in the earth and he has a great deal of joy in anticipation of what it is going to bring forth. Later on it begins to come out of the earth. It enjoys the sunshine. Aside from the pleasure in working with the children, we have that anticipation that our work is going to bring forth something. It is going to be of service in the Church. To encourage the Juniors we should make them feel that they are of some importance in the Church. That they are not so low that we look down upon them, but we should make them feel that they are of sufficient importance to be recognized. Sometimes in our conventions we have Junior sessions. I think to make the Juniors feel they are of some importance, it would be well to have a separate Junior convention. Let the Juniors feel that they are going to have a convention of work of their own. Let them do as much as they can in that convention. Let them have their own committees and elect their own officers. Let them take part in the program. Also in our regular devotional services. Let each child have his own separate and distinct work to do so that when they come to the Senior League they can conduct a service and discuss a topic. If we have an interest in the local, state and national work we must have an interest in Junior work.

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HISTORIC DAYS OF PRAYER

Sunday, October 4, 1914, was the eighth day on which the American people have been called to join their prayers—six times for peace, twice in memory of assassinated Presidents, Lincoln and Garfield. The dates and occasions are:

May 9, 1798, to avoid war with France.

January 12, 1815, to avoid war with Algeria.

September 26, 1861, to end the war between the States.

April 30, 1863, to end the war between the States.

August 1, 1864, to end the war between the States.

June 1, 1865, in commemoration of Lincoln.

September 26, 1881, in commemoration of Garfield.

The American people's prayers were offered on October 4, 1914, for the first time in behalf of peace between foreign governments.

BIBLES IN CHINA

Last year the American Bible Society distributed in China 2,244,746 copies of the Bible in 17 different dialects. The people of China number about 400,000,000, so that this means a Bible to about every 200 people.

LARGEST LUTHERAN CONGREGATION

The largest Lutheran congregation in America is the Bethlehem congregation in Chicago, served by two pastors, and numbering 3,229 confirmed members and 4,286 souls. In the parochial school connected with it 354 children are taught by seven teachers.—*Ex.*

Among the Papers

AMERICAN LUTHERAN MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

There are fourteen American Lutheran missionary societies doing mission work in foreign fields. They have missions in China, India, Burma, Japan, Liberia, among the Zulus, in Natal, Madagascar, South Africa, Alaska and Persia. Their American missionaries number 392. They support 2.072 native missionaries, or helpers, and have gathered 95,025 native Christians, and have 14,310 candidates for baptism under instruction at the present time. There are 33,100 native children in the mission schools. These natives contributed, in a number of instances, amounts which put to shame the average American Christian.—*Lutheran Young People.*

GERMAN MISSIONS IN AFRICA

Writing in the January number of the *Missionary Review of the World,* Dr. Patton has the following to say concerning German missionary effort in Africa: "Africa cannot afford to lose the help of the German societies which were established in various parts of the continent before the war. The German missions in Togoland, in the northern part of Cameroun, in German Southwest Africa and in German East Africa, were being blessed of God in signal ways. They were making a unique contribution to Africa's evangelization and civilization. Their missionaries were second to none in self-sacrifice and zeal. Whatever geographical and governmental changes may occur, it will be nothing less than a calamity to the kingdom if the Christian people of Germany are to have no further part in Africa's redemption."

BANE OF GOOD LEADERSHIP

Outside preoccupation is the bane of good leadership. In the business world a man elected to the management of a corporation would not be excused for neglecting such management because other interests—no matter how worthy and important—absorbed practically all of his time. Yet in the Church and in the Brotherhood, we are so eager in our desire for consecrated service to give our effort to the thing immediately at hand, and which offers the line of least resistance, that the promotion of the work for which we are elected or appointed, and which should be our first service, is relegated to the rear. This is notably true of directors of chapters. Many a chapter is in a state of chronic fluidity because of the preoccupation, and we will say even consecration, of its designated leader in work which frequently is entirely outside the parish.—*St. Andrew's Cross.*

AVOID THIS DANGER

Never dare to hurt any soul. The most awful consciousness a man can have is that he has hurt a human soul years ago and now has no power to repair the damage. He may have recovered from the injury to his own being, but the knowledge that he has ever injured the soul of another man or woman, who has gone out of his sight now, so that he cannot know how serious the injury may have been, is a terrible thing for any one to know.—*Phillips Brooks.*

MILES COVERDALE'S METHOD OF BIBLE STUDY

No better method of Bible study has been discovered than that announced by Miles Coverdale in the preface of his translation of the Bible into the English language in 1535 when he said: "It will greatly help thee to understand scripture if thou wilt mark not only what is spoken or written, but of whom and unto whom, with what words, at what time, whereto, what intent, with what circumstance, considering what goeth before and what followeth after."—*Christian Observer.*

LUTHER'S CATECHISM IN CHINESE

Rev. E. L. Arndt, of Hankow, China, a missionary of the Missouri Synod, has translated Luther's Small Catechism into the Chinese language. The work will be published shortly.—*Ex.*

"The men who are habitually behind time are habitually behind success."

"When the truth is in your way you are on the wrong road."

The only conclusive evidence of a man's sincerity is that he gives himself for a principle. Words, money, all things else, are comparatively easy to give away; but, when a man makes a gift of his daily life and practice, it is plain that the truth, whatever it may be, has taken possession of him.

BOOK REVIEWS

"THE POPE'S CATECHISM," by Rev. J. Sheatsley. The Lutheran Book Concern, Columbus, Ohio. Pp. 188, cloth.

This is a book many pastors would earnestly desire to own. It is a book for Protestants to put into the hands of any of their young people who have leanings toward Catholicism. We had occasion to write the Lutheran Book Concern in regard to such a publication, which we were informed they published. At that time we learned that the Lutheran Book Concern had a manuscript entitled "The Pope's Catechism," in which the author took up the doctrines as they are contained in the Roman Catholic Catechism and shows in what respect they are contrary to scripture and compared them to the teachings of the Lutheran Church. This book has now been given to the public. The purpose of this book is told in the language of the author:

> During our ministry of more than twenty-five years we have lost more members to the Roman Catholic Church than to any two other denominations together. They were not many, we can count them on the fingers of one hand; but there were enough to annoy us and to fill us with sadness.
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> Every time the thing occurred we looked around for some suitable literature to place in the hands of the person under assault, but we always failed to find just the thing for the occasion. We wanted something plain, not too long, and something above all that carries authority. One cannot fight Roman Catholicism, nor for that matter any other error, with mere opinions, nor loose statements, nor broad assertions, and especially not with mere abuse. We need the exact facts, the naked plain truths, taken from the pope's own storehouse. These facts and truths need to be given in plain language, applied directly to the point in question; and the whole discussion must bear the stamp of unquestioned fairness.

The author does not ascribe to the Roman Catholic Church any doctrine which she does not actually teach. The doctrines of that Church are quoted verbatim from a Standard Roman Catechism and he then refutes the errors of Rome in a dispassionate manner. We are satisfied that this book is exactly what some of our pastors have been desiring. The book is constructive while polemical. It gives a clear exposition on the scriptural doctrine over against the errors of Rome. We commend it to our readers.

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Nothing will yield you richer rewards of gladness, and a greater wealth of joy, than faithfully to cultivate and auspiciously to develop the happier, warmer, sunnier side of your nature, that you may be a blessing to yourself, and more than this, a blessing to all around you.—*Schuyler Colfax.*

CAMP PASTOR'S LETTER

509 Park Avenue, Baltimore, Md.
April 29, 1918.

DEAR PASTOR:

Our camp pastors are facing a difficult situation in this camp, which is perhaps the strictest in the country. A military regulation excluding all civilians from visiting in the barracks is being rigidly enforced and camp pastors are civilians. In case of necessity we can have them called to the door.

In view of this condition, we have arranged to meet our boys in the evenings from 6 to 7:30 in the several Y. M. C. A. buildings. We are writing our boys to this effect. There are about 1,300 names on our list and more to follow.

Our services on Sunday mornings at 10:30 in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium will be continued, followed by communion. From 150 to 200 usually attend.

We ask for your prayers and co-operation. Will you not write the boys from your church, asking them to visit us, and especially to support the Sunday services? It strengthens the Church ties to get a word from their pastor. And our presence here gives evidence of the Church's desire to serve them and care for them. If you can also get their home folks to say a good word to them concerning these services it will help. We are more or less strangers to them and they to us and a word occasionally from the home base will make it possible to get a little closer. It's a moving procession anyway and what is to be done must be done quickly. It is largely a "sowing beside all waters."

Men are being transferred every week and we must minister to a passing multitude. It is a work of faith and all instrumentalities must be called upon for help—chaplains, camp pastors, home pastors, fathers, mothers, etc., etc. Let us know how we may best serve your boys—the nation's men—God's children.

Very sincerely,
F. W. MEYER,
R. H. LONG,
A. L. KREYLIN,
Lutheran Camp Pastors.

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Friendship is the only thing in the world concerning the usefulness of which all mankind are agreed.—*Cicero.*

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For the power to repent and believe, we thank God, the Holy Ghost.

General Secretary's Letter

DEAR FRIENDS:

In my last letter I promised in future letters to give information relative to the Buffalo convention as I received it. The local committee have informed me that the Church of the Holy Trinity, Main and St. Paul streets, will be the convention headquarters for all matters pertaining to the convention. The Hotel Cheltenham has been selected as the stopping headquarters for the official force and the speakers. This hotel is located at 234 Franklin street within walking distance of the church. It is an American plan house, whose rates are: Single rooms, $3.50, with bath 50 cents additional; double rooms, $5, with bath $1 additional. In another part of the REVIEW you will find a list of other hotels.

The grand rally will be held in the Elmwood Music Hall. The Mayor of Buffalo, the Hon. George Buck, will deliver the address of welcome. On the day after the convention, August 30, the delegates will be taken on a trolley trip to Niagara Falls.

This will be a splendid convention, so make your arrangements now to attend.

The Pennsylvania League has been obliged to postpone its convention to July 30, 31 and August 1 owing to conditions in the convention city.

The Wisconsin League will hold its convention at La Crosse June 25 to 27. The theme will be: "Keep the Home Fires Burning."

The South Dakota League, which meets in Brookings May 3, 4, 5, has chosen as its convention theme "The Christian Soldier."

The president of the Kansas League sent out a letter six weeks prior to the convention and among other things asked that the intervening time be not "Six Weaks" but the best "Six Weeks" in their history.

The president of the Pittsburgh District of the Pennsylvania League sent out a letter to all local societies prior to Palm Sunday calling upon all of those about to take confirmation vows to make the day one of the "Red Letter Days" in their life. He enclosed a catechism compiled by Dr. Krauss, of the Chicago Seminary, entitled "After Confirmation—What?"

A very interesting and attractive booklet of sixty pages, giving a picture of the work of the American Red Cross this side of the trenches, has been published; and if you will write and enclose a three cent stamp for postage I will be glad to send you one.

Presupposing the merger, in three cities in Pennsylvania where General Council and General Synod churches occupied the same territory, they have consolidated. May there be many more!

Wouldn't you like to have the soldier and sailor boys from your League who are in the camps and cantonments "somewhere" in America find friends there who will take a personal interest in them and give them a cordial welcome?

After they have eaten at the camp mess with a bunch of men and never a woman or child, don't you think they would like to sit down to a real dinner at a family table with the folks in a real home once in a while?

Fine as is the Young Men's Christian Association hut, don't you think that a pleasant sitting room with music and fellowship would be an agreeable change?

Wouldn't a bright little Luther League social in the church or in a home look good to the boys as a change from the routine of camp?

Wouldn't a modern bathroom and a good bed with sweet, clean sheets feel good for a night once in a while?

Well, do you know that some of our Leaguers near the camps and cantonments are providing these and many other comforts for the boys so far as possible, but their great difficulty is in getting in personal touch with them?

Thirty thousand men, the number in some of the camps, is something of a city and unless you have the address of the men it is difficult to find them.

Don't let the boys suffer from homesickness when a letter or a postcard from you would bring them friends and some of the comforts and blessings of home. "I was a stranger and ye took me in."

Sincerely yours,

HARRY HODGES,
General Secretary.

LUTHERAN MISSIONS IN CHINA

The Lutheran Church in China is forging ahead. Every day some progress can be recorded. The missionary staff of the Missouri Synod's work in China has recently been augmented by the addition of Rev. L. Meyer and wife. The five mission schools in Hankow are well attended. The American Norwegian Church has fifteen stations in central China. The total number of Lutheran Christians in China aggregates about 44,000.

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CO-OPERATION WITHIN THE LEAGUE

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The work of a State President will count for naught unless it has the hearty co-operation of the membership at large. Co-operation is one of the most important factors looking toward success in any movement.

The League organization depends for its future upon you. Do not shift your responsibilities upon others but face them manfully and take up your burdens wherever you may find them. The call to service should be the call to duty. Every one has an opportunity of doing some kind of work for the organization no matter how small and insignificant that work may be. Remember, that the task of running the Luther League should not fall entirely upon the leaders. It is not the leaders' organization—it is your organization. Now is the time for us to awaken from our lethargy, to rise to our opportunity and to carry out with energy and resolution the plans suggested for the benefit of the organization that so well deserves and repays intelligent enterprise.

The general mission of the Luther League is to enlist, organize and train the young people of the local Lutheran churches in the State for efficient service under the pastor and other regularly appointed leaders; to connectionalize these local groups so that there may be concerted action in the great national and world enterprises which command the attention of all Christian bodies today; to make good, loyal and intelligent Lutherans out of the young people. The Luther League helps the Church in training and keeping the young people faithful to Christ and loyal to their Church.

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This statement has suggested some serious questions regarding the work and the workers. Why do these officials change so frequently? Is it because they do not like the work? Is it because they tire of the work? Is it because they do not succeed in the work? If it is because they do not succeed, does their failure come on account of lack of preparation for the work they undertake? Here, apparently, is a problem that deserves careful consideration by ministers and church officials, as well as by the workers who have tried to do these things and stopped doing them for any reason whatsoever.

No argument is needed to convince any business man or woman that no business organization could accomplish anything if its management were to be changed each year, or even if the head of an important department were displaced and succeeded by another person each year. Such a procession through the chairs of officials and managers would soon bring the downfall of the most prosperous business in even the necessities of life. If the Church is following such a plan in its operation, then there is only one thing that is saving it from utter destruction, and that is its divine origin and character. But men who compose the Church and do its work have no right to presume that this fact frees them from responsibility. The fact that the Church lives in spite of human errors in its management affords no excuse for repeatedly committing the same errors. Human wisdom should be exercised under divine guidance in the Lord's business just as fully and freely as it is employed under human direction in temporal affairs.

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NEW YORK

—Holy Trinity Church, New York City, Rev. Charles J. Smith, D.D., pastor, observed its golden jubilee during the week beginning Sunday, April 7. During the fifty years there have been 2,052 members received into the congregation by confirmation and otherwise.

—The Epiphany Lutheran congregation of Brooklyn, Dr. Stutts, pastor, has just celebrated ten years of active service for the Master. An effort to reduce the indebtedness on the property was successful to the extent of about $12,000. Beginning with a charter membership of forty-two the mission has grown to an enrolled membership of 385 and a present active membership of 235.

—St. Matthew's Lutheran Church of Brooklyn, Dr. G. B. Young, pastor, has secured the services of Deaconess Clara Syre.

—St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., in celebrating its golden jubilee, recounted many events in its history from the first expenditure of $9,300 for its location and first house of worship in 1868 to its present attainment of progress—church property valued at $200,000. A day school is maintained in a building which cost $27,675.

—Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, D.D., LL.D., of New York City, addressed the New York Lutheran Ministers' Association on "The Unique Personality of Luther."

Bible House, of Los Angeles, Cal., publishers of the Spanish New Testament, are issuing an edition of his book, "What the World Owes Luther," in the Spanish language.

—Rev. William M. Baum, D.D., Canajoharie, N. Y., recently had the misfortune to fall on the ice and bread his arm.

—The American Lutheran Publicity Bureau, with headquarters in New York City, a bureau which has been organized by the younger element of the Missouri Synod, has been issuing a number of timely tracts. These tracts are in great demand, which is evidenced by the fact that over 200,000 tracts issued by your Church Book and Literature Society have been sold and are continuing to sell.

—The Lutheran Young People's Society, an organization composed of young people of the Missouri Synod churches in New York and vicinity, has raised the sum of $5,000 for the Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare Work and resolved to create a permanent fund for the support of needy theological students.

—Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, D.D., LL.D., has been invited by the Archbishop of Sweden and the Bishop of Denmark to attend the Ecumenical Conference at Upsala, Sweden, April 14-16, 1918.

PHILADELPHIA

—St. Mark's Church reports seventeen young men in the service of the country. Among these are several who hold commissions as officers.

—Rev. J. Henry Harms, D.D., for the past ten years president of Newberry College, has tendered his resignation as head of the institution to accept the pastorate of the Church of the Holy Communion, Philadelphia. The congregation was served for a long period by the late Rev. Joseph A. Seiss, D.D. The resignation of Dr. Harms will become effective at the close of the present session of Newberry College in June, at which time he will leave for Philadelphia. The decade of his presidency of Newberry College has been marked with much progress and success. The endowment of the college has been greatly increased during his incumbency and during this period the institution has been stronger numerically than at any other time in its sixty years' history. At a meeting of the student body of Newberry College held in Holland Hall, April 18, resolutions were unanimously adopted expressing regret at the resignation of President Harms and assuring him of appreciation of his loyal service to the institution and wishing him success in the field to which he goes.

—The Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pa., for the current year has 13 seniors, 13 in the middle class and 17 in the junior class, a total of 43.

—Hon. Ralph Busser, the newly appointed United States Consul in Bergen, Norway, is a member of Zion Church, York, Pa. At the outbreak of the war he was the United States Consul at Trieste, Austria.

—Prof. A. R. Wentz, Ph.D., of Gettysburg Seminary, is conducting a series of six lectures in the college Y. M. C. A., on "Christian Missions and Human Progress."

—Ex-President William Howard Taft will deliver the commencement address at Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, Pa., May 17.

—The Rev. J. Henry Harms, D.D., president of Newberry College, South Carolina, has resigned to become the pastor of the Church of the Holy Communion, Philadelphia, Pa.

—The Easter offering at the Church of the Nativity, Rev. I. Chantry Hoffman, pastor, amounted to $3,800. Apparently thieves assumed it would be in the parsonage over Sunday

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NEW YORK

—The twenty-fifth convention of the Luther League of New York State will meet May 21, 22 and 23, 1918, in St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Brooklyn, Dr. W. A. Snyder, pastor. Louis A. Walke, of North Tonawanda, the president of the State League, will have charge of the convention. The convention will open Tuesday evening at 7:45. The convention sermon will be delivered by Rev. W. H. Stutts, D.D., of Brooklyn. The local Luther Leagues will give a reception to the convention in St. Luke's parish house immediately after Tuesday evening's session.

Wednesday morning a quarter century of organized Luther League work in New York State will be celebrated and the General Secretary, Harry Hodges, of Philadelphia, will deliver the anniversary address. Rev. A. J. Traver, of New York, will read a paper on the relation of the Luther League to the congregation.

Rev. A. Steimle, of New York, will deliver the address Wednesday evening, speaking on the subject of the Vision of the Church's Youth.

On Thursday morning business will be transacted and Rev. A. T. Michler, of Philadelphia, will speak on "How to Lead the Boy to Like Religion." The address of the afternoon on the "Luther League's Open Door," will be by Dr. Snyder, of the Convention Church.

At the grand rally in the evening Dr. Granville, of Gettysburg College, will speak on the "Church's Duty in the Nation's Need."

Luther Leaguers desiring information regarding the convention not procurable from general sources may write Mr. Clarence C. Dittmer, 286 Park Place, Brooklyn, N. Y., who is on the local committee on arrangements, or Rev. W. G. Boomhower, Troy R. D. 1, N. Y., who is chairman of the executive committee.

BROOKLYN

—The following is a list of the members of the Brooklyn District Luther League in the United States service who held official positions in that District League; Mr. A. Andreason, formerly corresponding secretary, District League, with the Signal Corps, in camp at Atlanta, Ga.; Mr. William Norgen, formerly chairman of the District League press committee, also president of the Incarnation Luther League, with the navy; Mr. Joseph Dittmer, formerly president St. Matthew's Luther League, Brooklyn, with the Gas Defense Service, at present stationed at Philadelphia; Mr. A. J. Lundy, formerly president Mediator Luther League, Brooklyn, on board "Kentucky"; Mr. Arthur F. Kolm, formerly president Holy Trinity Luther League, Hollis, with the Photographic Division, at present stationed at Washington; Mr. William Anderson, formerly president St. Andrew's Luther League, Brooklyn, now in France.

SYRACUSE

—The Luther League of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church celebrated its thirtieth anniversary February 28. The League was honored by a special service the Sunday preceding the anniversary day. Te pastor, Rev. John Wittekind, preached a most appropriate sermon, paying tribute to the League and encouraging the Leaguers to continue the work.

At the meeting of the Luther League a record of the work of the League since its organization was given. This was followed by reminiscences of days gone by. Several charter members are still active in the League.

NEW JERSEY

—Mr. Henry W. Fiedler, State president of the Luther League of New Jersey, issued and sent out to members of the Luther League of that State a very neat and suggestive Easter greeting with the intention of awakening new and personal interest in the work of the young people.

RIVERSIDE

—The Luther League of Zion Lutheran Church tendered a reception to this year's confirmation class on April 4. It was in the form of a patriotic social. The confirmation class numbered thirteen, ten of whom will join the Luther League.

On Sunday evening, March 17, Zion Lutheran Church, Riverside, held a patriotic service, to dedicate a service flag with twelve stars and an American flag. The money for these flags was collected by the Sunday school teachers.

The service included patriotic hymns and recitations. One of the numbers was an original poem entitled "Our Soldiers," by a member of the Luther League.

The flags were presented to the congregation by Mr. Nolde, superintendent of the Sunday school, and accepted by Mr. L. Beyerlein, treasurer of the congregation.

OHIO

—The District Luther League of Northwestern Ohio will hold its spring convention April 24, 1918, in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Toledo, Ohio, Rev. A. L. Benze, pastor. The theme of the convention is "Conscription." In his circular call Mr. H. C. Hinckfoth has this to say:

"If you are a Luther Leaguer show your League colors and be present at all sessions.

"If you have been a Luther Leaguer, come and renew old acquaintances, get the League Spirit and again be one of us.

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CAMBRIDGE

—The Luther League of Christ Mission, Cambridge, Rev. R. W. Doty, pastor, has presented to the mother church a service flag with fourteen stars.

PENNSYLVANIA

—The Luther League of Pennsylvania reports that of the $2,620 apportioned to the State as its Jubilee Offering, only about $900 or 35 per cent. has been paid during the jubilee year. The highest amount was paid by the Pittsburgh League.

Through unavoidable conditions the date of the convention of the Luther League of Pennsylvania has been changed from June 25, 26 and 27 to July 30, 31 and August 1. The place remains the same, the First Church, Greensburg, Pa. The June *State Bulletin* will contain full information.

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

—The Luther League is attempting to do some practical, intensive Christian work in behalf of those confirmed, through the publication of a brief questionnaire on the subject, "After Confirmation, What?" It has been prepared by Rev. E. F. Krauss, D.D., president of the Chicago Theological Seminary, and is intended to stimulate the interest in Christian work and to direct the attention of the boys confirmed

toward the ministry. The quesions are apt and the answers are timely.

—The Pittsburgh District Luther League will hold its fifty-second convention in the Trinity Lutheran Church, Tarentum, Pa., Rev. N. E. Yeiser, pastor, Tuesday, May 21, 1918.

The theme of the convention will be "Co-operation." The Junior League will have a separate session in the afternoon.

—Branch No. 5 of the Pitsburgh District Luther League will hold its spring rally in Christ Church, Millvale, Rev. J. J. Hill, D.D., pastor, on Monday, May 6, at 8 o'clock. The subject of the evening, "The Luther League Keeping the Home Fires Burning," will be delivered by Mr. Charles W. Fuhr, of Pittsburgh, at which time the branch will present an attendance banner for the best attendance at its future rallies. The banner is being furnished by the Leagues of the branch and being finished by the young ladies of the Memorial Parish Society.

Branch No. 5 is showing a great interest under its chairman, Mr. Erwin Deuber, of Grace Church, and is aiming to be the best branch in the Pitsburgh District.

—The Pittsburgh District is planning to have a presidential dinner, which will include all presidents and vice-presidents of the locals, all Junior superintendents and all district committees, for the purpose of setting forth the work and planning for greater things for the remainder of this year.

The district is asking contributions from the various locals, in order that Lutheran literature, as the REVIEW, *Lutheran Church Work* and *Observer*, may be sent to the various army cantonments.

CHESTER

—The Luther League of Holy Trinity has sixty-five active members. Rev. J. W. Haueser is the pastor. The following are the officers: Mrs. William Beuhler, president; Mr. John Miller, vice-president; Miss Clara Mosser, secretary; Miss Ethel Lentz, financial secretary, and Mr. Fred Kirchoff, treasurer. This League holds its regular meetings every second Tuesday of the month and also has a monthly social. This League recently joined the District League.

YORK

—The District League is engaged in active work. It has published a list of speakers and musical talent available for League entertainments. It has also issued an attendance blank. The president of this district, Mr. M. Haller Frey, has issued a letter to the Leagues of the district in which he makes the following announcement:

"For the benefit of those not there, this will give some idea of what it is: The district president will award a Luther League banner to the Senior and Junior organization having the best average attendance, beginning Sunday, April 7, and ending Sunday, October 27, both inclusive. Two banners will be awarded, one for Senior organizations and one for Junior organizations.

"Please have your local organization secretary keep a record and send same on the enclosed report blanks, one each month, to Mr. James Lau, 320 North Hawthorne street, York, Pa., who has been appointed district secretary for the campaign.

"We should make an effort not only to have a large membership in our local societies, but what is also very important, regular attendance and we think this will help you.

"Remember, it is average, not size. For instance, a society with fifty members and twenty-five present will have an average of 50 per cent., while a society with twenty members and fifteen present will have an average of 75 per cent., so do your best to get out all your members all the time.

"The banner will be awarded at the next district convention at Glen Rock, November 7."

EASTON

—The Luther League of St. Luke's Church, Rev. A. M. Stump, pastor, reports an income of $355.51 during the past year.

MINNESOTA

—Rev. H. C. Rex, pastor of St. John's Church, Duluth, reports that his Luther League is very active and doing effective work in the congregation. The membership is fifty.

SOUTH DAKOTA

—The twenty-first annual convention of the South Dakota State Luther League will be held at Brookings, S. Dak., May 3, 4 and 5. In keeping with the thought that is uppermost at the present time, the theme for the convention is "The Christian Soldier," based upon I Cor. 16:13, "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong."

JAMES RIVER VALLEY DISTRICT

—The fourteenth annual convention of the James River Valley Luther League was held at Webster, S. Dak., April 6 and 7. Reports from the various Leagues showed active and encouraging work. The officers elected were: President, T. Ditmanson, Webster; vice-president, R. F. Sonstegaard, Sisseton; secretary, Mrs. H. A. Melgaard, Aberdeen; treasurer, Fred C. Stellner, Aberdeen.

Miss Erna Rehfield, of Aberdeen, was chosen district delegate to the state convention.

The convention theme was "Faith." The opening paper of the convention was "The Place of Faith in Christian Warfare," by Miss Sadie Valentin, of Aberdeen. A fine paper, entitled "Tragedies of the Inner Life" or "Battles Within," written by Miss Anna Hafnor, of Groton, was read and discussed.

At the regular Sunday morning service Rev. Tollefson, of Aberdeen, preached on "The Master Builder or the Building of the Temple of Christian Character." On Sunday evening the convention closed with a splendid address on "The Christian in War Times, Especially This War Time," by Dr. C. M. Wesvig, professor at Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul.

The convention served a double purpose. It not only enthused for religious and spiritual fervor, but toward temporal matters as well. The Leaguers, in a body, attended two patriotic mass meetings at the Opera House. The Saturday evening session of the convention was also of a patriotic nature. Prof. Hans Nelson, of Conde, was the speaker.

It was decided to hold the next district convention at Sisseton some time in the fall of 1919.

WISCONSIN

—The Luther League of Wisconsin will meet at La Crosse, June 25 to 27. The convention theme is "Keep the Home Fires Burning."

IOWA

—The annual convention of the Luther League of Iowa will be held at Cedar Rapids in the First English Lutheran Church, Rev. J. O. Simon, pastor, June 14, 15 and 16, 1918. The general theme of the convention is "Over

reference to and in honor of the boys from the Luther League of Iowa who are in the service of our country will be held.

OUR CHURCHES AND INSTITUTIONS

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night. They broke into the pastor's home but as special arrangements had been made the Easter offering was deposited in the vaults of the Trust Company. The $3,800 was safe.

PITTSBURGH

—The Pittsburgh Lutheran Hospice was opened on April 14. The cost is $32,000, complete, and the prospects are that by August 1 there will be a debt of only $5,000 resting on the property. There are accommodations for forty-five for rooming and more than that for board.

CHICAGO

—The Bethphage Mission, Axtell, Neb., Mrs. Hanna Hedman, member of the Tabor congregation, Chicago, Ill., recently donated $3,000 to different missionary and benevolent institutions of our church. Five hundred dollars of this sum was set apart for the Bethphage Mission.

CHARLESTON

—On Palm Sunday the centennial of St. John's Church, Charleston, was fittingly celebrated. The historical address was delivered by Hon. John F. Ficken, the synodical address by Rev. M. G. G. Scherer, D.D., and the anniversary address by Rev. John W. Horine, D.D. The historical program gives pictures of the original church and the several pastors who have served the congregation prior to the present pastor, Rev. George J. Gongaware, D.D. The former pastors were Rev. John Bachman, D.D., 1815-1874; Rev. Thomas W. Dosh, D.D., 1872-1876; Rev. Edward T. Horn, D.D., 1876-1897; Rev. John W. Horine, D.D., 1897-1907, and Rev. C. Armand Miller, D.D., 1907-1912.

IOWA

—The Reformation Jubilee offering of the Iowa Synod, according to the report of the financial secretary, amounted to $350,000. As there are upward of one hundred congregations in the synod which have made no offering, the work of gathering funds is to be continued.

WISCONSIN

—The Church of the Holy Communion, Racine, Wis., Rev. John Fedders, pastor, has presented a fine new communion service to Chaplain Howard E. Snyder at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. This service was used on Easter.

NEBRASKA

—Rev. H. Wennermark, of Brunning, Neb., at the conclusion of the course at the training school at Fort Monroe, Virginia, was commissioned as chaplain in the National Army and assigned to the 309th Cavalry, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

KANSAS

—Rev. H. S. Lawrence, D.D., Peabody, Kans., has been granted a leave of absence to serve as camp pastor at El Paso, Tex., and vicinity.

BOSTON

—In this great metropolis Lutheranism is not very strong. There are about 5,000 Lutherans in Greater Boston, the Swedes predominating, two of the congregations being English.

CHICAGO

—Our Oak Park English Lutheran Mission, Rev. P. C. Wike, pastor, has a missionary society which in the recent campaign of the Lutheran Women's League of Chicago for an increase in members won a banner for adding the largest number of members during the year. A class of fourteen catechumens will be confirmed at Pentecost.

—The Walther League of the Missouri Synod is unusually active in establishing and maintaining hospices for young people. They have a very fine building for this purpose in Buffalo and several such hospices in Chicago and other centers of their activity.

—The National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare has decided to erect Lutheran Brotherhood buildings at Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill., and Camp Logan, Houston, Tex., at both of which there is a large number of Lutheran soldiers.

RACINE

—The Church of the Holy Communion, Rev. John Fedders, pastor, reports an attendance of 631 persons at the dedication of a service flag presented by Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Stoffel, Jr., in the name of forty young men in the service of the country. The stars on the flag are worked beautifully in silk.

—Historic St. John's Church, near Pomaria, S. C., made a substantial contribution to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare Fund. One of the founders of St. John's congregation was an officer in the Revolutionary War.

—The Kountze Memorial Church, of Omaha, Neb., reports 103 young men from the parish in various departments of military service.

—Rev. G. Gerlaw Clark, D.D., of Wichita, Kan., and Miss Amelia Emma Mueller were married April 16. The bride is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Paul H. Mueller.

—Rev and Mrs. J. C. Hoick, San Diego, Cal., were given a reception by members and friends of St. Paul's Church in honor of their twentieth wedding anniversary.

—Rev. G. K. Wiencke has been elected missionary superintendent of the German Nebraska Synod and will remove to Grand Island in a short time.

—The Missouri Synod has thoroughly organized its work among Lutheran soldiers and sailors, having altogether 175 camp pastors or regular ministers at as many cantonments, forts and training stations.

—Winnipeg, the Canadian western metropolis, with a population of 150,000, has sixteen Lutheran churches.

SAN FRANCISCO

—Mr. L. A. Benner, a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of San Francisco, and a staunch Luther Leaguer, has enlisted in the Y. M. C. A. work in France where he will administer to the spiritual welfare of our boys.

ST. PETERSBURG, VA.

—A Lutheran Soldiers' Club was formally opened February 9 at Petersburg, Va., Camp Lee. Col. T. H. Rhoades and Dr. C. L. Snowden were the speakers. Richmond Lutherans supplied the social features. Regular services are conducted in the camp and in Petersburg. Rev. A. Hering, of the Pittsburgh Inner Mission Society, is stationed at Camp Lee under the appointment of the National Lutheran Commission.

Luther League Topics

CANADIAN SUPPLEMENT

The Birthday of King George V

June 3

Lesson: Rom. 13:1-7.

HINTS FOR LEADER.

Have some Union Jacks displayed in place of meeting. Use Psalm 72. Have a patriotic address or reading. Among hymns use Rally Hymn and God Save the King.

(Topic reviewed by Rev. N. Willison.)

Kingship. The first king over the Jewish people was Saul, whom the prophet Samuel anointed for his high office. We are told that God was not well pleased with the action of the people in demanding a king, but we would greatly err were we to understand this divine displeasure to rest upon every monarchical form of government. Our lesson and Bible readings abundantly prove the contrary. It was the motive underlying the request of Israel for a king with which the Lord was not well pleased, for He said: "They have rejected me that I should not rule over them." When Samuel anointed Saul he said: "The Lord hath anointed thee to be captain over His inheritance . . . for God is with thee." Later Samuel was sent of God to anoint David king and David as king became possessed of the special favor of God. Solomon was the immediate object of the beautiful prayer in Psalm 72 and became a type of Him whose glory is in part described in the title "King of Kings." We note, however, that Saul was a constitutional monarch, for "Samuel told the people the manner of the kingdom and wrote it down in a book." When Saul violated the law of God he forfeited his claim to the throne and that throne passed to the house of David.

King George V. The present British monarch is "George V, by the grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British dominions beyond the seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India." He is the second son of the late King Edward VII and was born on June 3, 1865. On July 6, 1893, he married his cousin, Princess Victoria Mary of Teck, and on June 22, 1911, was crowned as ruler of the British Empire. King George may not be as striking a personality as his illustrious father and even more illustrious grandmother, but he is nevertheless popular and highly honored. He has shown a true devotion to those principles and ideals which we as a Christian people cherish and has always been ready to take his place among his people and for them in service and self-sacrifice. He has set a worthy example in Christian temperance and has not hesitated to show to his people and the world that humility before God is an imperial necessity and that "clearsightedness," "strength" and a "spirit of reverent obedience" in God's sight "are better than sacrifice"—even the sacrifice of armies.

Canadians and the King. Canadians have reason to be grateful to God for their king. As a constitutional monarch he is the guardian of the rights of his people and seeks to promote their welfare in accord with the decisions expressed by Parliament. As a Christian ruler he has set us a worthy example. The words of Peter, "Honor the king," apply to us Canadian Luther Leaguers with even greater force than in Peter's time, for Peter's king was a cruel pagan, but our king is a Christian. May June 3 not be a day of mere flag-waving but of humble intercessory prayer for the king and all he represents. Remember that only the true Christian who is able to approach acceptably the throne of grace on behalf of his king can be said to be loyal in the fullest sense of the term. God save the King.

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Sixth Sunday after Trinity. July 7, 1918.

THE HAND OF GOD IN AMERICAN HISTORY

(Patriotic)

Joel 2:21-27.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Monday—Morning, Rom. 14:1, 15:3; evening, I Sam. 26:1-25.

Tuesday—Morning, Rom. 15:14-33; evening, I Sam. 28:3-25.

Wednesday—Morning, Rom. 16:1-27; evening, I Sam. 31:1-13.

Thursday—Morning, I Cor. 1:10-31; evening, II Sam. 1:1-27.

Friday—Morning, I Cor. 2:1-16; evening, II Sam. 5:1-25.

Saturday—Morning, I Cor. 4:6, 5:5; evening, II Sam. 6:1-23.

HINTS FOR LEADERS.

Hymn 46. Psalm 67.

All unite in the following prayer: "O Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the many blessings that Thou hast bestowed upon us as a nation, and that Thou hast always been present with us. We acknowledge, O Father, that we have sinned against Thee in many ways and have allowed ourselves to be drawn away from Thee, and we beseech Thee, O most merciful Father, to be with us in this hour of trial and affliction, save us from our enemies, and lead us again to Thy Light so that peace may again reign among us. Hear us in these our humble petitions, for the sake of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen."

The Luther League Topics, complete lessons (of which the above are outlines and review), in 32-page pamphlet covering three months can be supplied at rates given on page 18 by LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, 318-326 West 39th Street, New York City.

Hymn 151.
Topic reviewed by leader.
Paper on "The Hand of God in Directing the First English Colonists to Our Shores."
Address, "The Hand of God in the Struggle for Independence."
Anthem by choir, "Honor, Power, Blessing, Glory," by Lamboleth.
Talk by leader, "The Hand of God in the Preservation of Our Independence Up to the Present."
Hymn 136.
Collect for Peace.
Lord's Prayer and benediction by pastor.
(Topic reviewed by Oliver C. C. Fetta.)

By reading the Bible or any history of the Jewish people we learn that God was with His people Israel from first to last. So we are equally positive that the hand of God may be clearly seen in American history. Surely God hath not dealt so with any other nation. Our forefathers came to this country filled with the burning desire for religious and political freedom, and on many battlefields American patriots won the right to worship as they pleased, and the freedom of speech, with the privilege of a voice in our government.

God's hand can be seen in the wars our country fought—all of them wars for the liberty of humanity against oppression in one form or another, whether it was for our own liberty, or to free the slaves, or for the freedom of other people. Our great nation has never been selfish in the search for liberty, but has always been ready to share this blessing with all mankind.

God's hand is seen in our history in the lives of the many noble Christian Presidents who have directed the affairs of this country and the many Christian officials who have taken part not only in our national government but in the various State governments, including our courts and legislatures. God called Moses and Joshua to His service, but He also raised up men like Washington and Lincoln.

We can see God's hand in the many good laws that have been passed by our State and Federal governments, for the benefit of all Americans, and to secure to all our people the blessings of a free nation, including political, religious and civil liberty.

We can discover God's hand in our history in the growth of the Christian Church in this country, which is the crowning glory of our nation. American people enjoy the wonderful blessing of the separation of Church and State, giving all persons the privilege of worshiping God according to the dictates of their conscience, without the consent of pope, king or state.

Our Responsibilities.

How happy we should be when we think of the blessings God has showered upon our nation, and how much we should thank Him for them. In greatness, in power, in wealth and material resources and in countless other ways, no other nation or nations can compare with us. Here lies our great responsibility as a nation toward the world. The greater the gifts and blessings, the greater becomes our duty in the proper use of those gifts. Right here is our great national sin—that of ingratitude toward God for His wonderful gifts to us. Every prayer, every religious and public meeting should resound with praises to the Most High God for what He has done for us.

We can show our gratitude in many ways and first of all in glorifying God by a Christian life full of good works. America is called a Christian nation and we can make it more so by a life of devoted service toward God and our country, for next to love of God comes love of country.

We must be Christian patriots full of loyalty to our country and all her glorious institutions and ready to serve in any time of need. We are taught in the Holy Scriptures to be faithful to those in authority and to our rulers. The Lutheran Church has always been loyal to our Government and in the strongest terms urges loyal support to the work of our nation.

God works through His people on this earth, and we can best serve Him in the councils of our state and nation and represent Him as Christian subjects of a great country. We can do this by voting for honest Christian men for public office and by use of our freedom toward the upbuilding of God's kingdom in this earth.

Bible References.

I Pet. 2:13-15, 18; I Tim. 5:17; I Thess. 5:12, 13; Heb. 13:17; Eph. 6:2-3; Acts 5:29, 4:19, 7:51; Rom. 13:1-4; I Tim. 2:1-3; Titus 3:1.

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Seventh Sunday after Trinity. July 14, 1918.

CONGREGATION, CONFERENCE AND SYNOD

Acts 15:1-5.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Monday—Morning, I Cor. 5:9, 6:20; evening, I Chron. 16:1-43.
Tuesday—Morning, I Cor. 7:1-40; evening. II Sam. 7:1-29.
Wednesday—Morning, I Cor. 8:1-13; evening, II Sam. 12:1-23.
Thursday—Morning, I Cor. 9:1-23; evening, II Sam. 15:1-15.
Friday—Morning, I Cor. 10:14-33; evening, II Sam. 16:5-15.
Saturday—Morning, I Cor. 11:1-22; evening, II Sam. 18:1-33.

HINTS FOR LEADERS.

Opening service in Luther League Hymnal.
Use Psalm 46.

Repeat Apostles' Creed.
Sentence prayers by Leaguers followed with prayer by leader.
Assign the following discussions one week previously:
Résumé of chapters relative to the Synod as found in Formula of Church Government.
Résumé of Chapter 14—Formula of Government.
Round Table Talks—1. What my Church expects of her young people. Hints, gifts, co-operation, prayer, service, clean lives, willing testimony. 2. How can we as Leaguers be of aid to our Synod?
Suggested hymns—233, 227, 225, 208, 204.
(Topic reviewed by Rev. Prof. Jacob A. Clutz, D. D., Theological Seminary, General Synod, Gettysburg.)

Every citizen of the United States ought to know somethong about the form of government under which he lives. He ought to understand at least the principles on which our Government is founded, the various forms under which it is organized, and the methods by which it is administered. He cannot become a good and worthy citizen without this. Neither can we be good and efficient members of the Lutheran Church without knowing something about the organization and government of the Church.

Neither Christ nor His apostles gave us any definite or prescribed form of government for the Church. It is easy to gather certain very positive principles from their teaching and practices, but these principles may be worked out and applied in many different ways as they actually have been in different ages, and in different countries, and also in different denominations. Even in the same denomination different forms of organization and government may be found determined by differences of time, and nationality, and circumstances. This is especially true of the Lutheran Church, which is a truly cosmopolitan Church and has had to adjust itself to many lands, and many peoples, and many different environments.

In this country the three forms of Church organization generally found are those named in our topic, the congregation, the conference, and the synod. The chief difference is found in the placing of the emphasis, whether on the congregation or on the synod. The conference is really a part of the synod.

The Congregation.

The congregation comes first. This is the primal unit of organization and the real seat of authority. Conferences and synods have only such powers as the congregations composing them may choose to confer upon them.

The Standard Dictionary defines a congregation as "a number of persons met for religious worship, or the organized body of persons worshipping at one place." We use the word here in the second sense. By a congregation we mean an organized body of Christian believers. The new Formula of Government of the General Synod says: "An organized congregation consists of baptized persons who have been formally admitted into its fellowship and their baptized children."

Each local church or congregation, thus organized, has the right to govern itself, to acquire and to hold property, to manage its own internal affairs, to elect a Church Council, to call and sustain a pastor, to administer discipline among its members, etc. For the sake of good order, and to avoid confusion, most of these rights are vested in the Church Council, which is elected by the congregations, acts in its name, and is subject to its authority.

All the baptized children are members of the church or congregation, but only those who have been confirmed or otherwise formally admitted to the Lord's Supper, and who commune regularly and also contribute to the support of the church, are electors, that is, have the right to vote at the meetings of the congregation. In some congregations still other limitations are placed on the right of suffrage. This is determined in each particular case by the constitution or charter of the congregation.

The Conference.

Conferences are smaller sub-divisions of the synods to which they belong. They are usually formed by the synods and consist of the ministers and congregations of a definite locality. They usually meet two or three times a year at convenient intervals between the meetings of the synods. Their chief purpose is the preaching of the Gospel, the discussion of questions of doctrine or of practical work, and mutual consultation and efforts for the welfare of the pastors and congregations composing them. Sometimes they are entrusted by the synod with matters of business or of discipline. In a general way their functions may be said to be very similar to those of a committee of the synod, though there is considerable difference in this respect in different branches of the Lutheran Church.

The Synod.

"Synods are associations of congregations uniting for the confession of their fellowship in the faith, and co-operating in the various activities of the Church." This definition is found in *The Lutheran Cyclopedia* and may be accepted as generally satisfactory. The powers of synods are such as may be conferred on them by the congregations which compose them. As a rule

they are charged with the duty of examining candidates for the ministry and of ordaining such as are found worthy, and also of exercising all discipline over ministers for either false teaching or immoral conduct. They thus become responsible for the preservation of purity of doctrine and of life in the ministry and churches. They also exercise a general oversight of the ministers and congregations and seek to promote their interests in every possible way. They carry on the general missionary and benevolent operations of the Church, and collect and disburse the funds required for their support. They found educational institutions, provide books of worship and instruction, and publish other kinds of literature for the use of their churches and people.

In many cases a number of synods having common interests unite to form a larger delegate body, such as the General Synod, the General Council, and the United Synod in the South. In this case such work as Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Church Extension, Education and Publication, and many other of the larger and more important enterprises of a general character are committed to these general bodies and are conducted by them.

References.

For further information on these topics consult *The Lutheran Cyclopedia* under the several titles, "Congregation," "Conference," "Synods," etc. Also see the revised "Formula of Government and Discipline of the Evangelical Lutheran Church," adopted by the General Synod at its meeting in Chicago in 1917.

Bible References.

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Eighth Sunday after Trinity. July 21, 1918.

FINANCING THE CHURCH

I Cor. 16:1-4.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Monday—Morning, I Cor. 12:12-31; evening, II Sam. 19:1-23.

Tuesday—Morning, I Cor. 14:1-40; evening, I Chron. 21:1-30.

Wednesday—Morning, I Cor. 15:58, 16:24; evening, I Chron. 22:1-19.

Thursday—Morning, II Cor. 1:1-24; evening, I Chron. 28:1-21.

Friday—Morning, II Cor. 2:1, 3:3; evening, I Chron. 29:1-23.

Saturday—Morning, II Cor. 6:2, 7:16; evening, II Chron. 1:1-13.

HINTS FOR LEADERS.

Hymn 17. Psalm 24.

Use the following prayer: "O Lord God, heavenly Father, Thou who didst give thine only begotten Son to die the death of the cross so that we might have everlasting life, we pray Thee that we may be filled with a true love for Thee and Thy Kingdom, so that we may give ourselves completely to Thee, and that we may support Thy work, here upon earth, with all the many gifts and blessings which Thou hast bestowed upon us. This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen."

Topic reviewed by leader.

Hymn 92.

Have the treasurer of your congregation give a ten minute talk on the finances of your own congregation.

Paper, "How Should the Financial Problems of Our Church Be met?"

Address by the vice-president of your Church Council on "Systematic Giving."

Have some one read the article, "Honest Now," from the January, 1917, issue of *The Transmitter*, published by the Duplex Envelope Company, Richmond, Va.

Hymn 194.

Collect for Peace. Lord's Prayer and benediction by the pastor.

(Topic reviewed by Rev. Milton James Bieber, D. D., Superintendent of Missions.)

Giving belongs to religion. It is one of its fruits, and by their fruits ye shall know them. A person's Christianity is gauged by the amount he gives to God in proportion to his income. If he gives little his religion is very shallow. We cannot buy Heaven, but our chances of attaining Heaven are slim unless we "lay up treasures in Heaven."

Surely we should at least give a *proportion* of our *time, talents* and *means. One-tenth should be the very least*—not from *compulsion* but from a *thankful heart* for all His gifts to us. The New Testament method of giving is laid down by St. Paul in I Cor. 16:2: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him."

1. *Regularly.* God's gifts are continuous. He never ceases to give. Day and night, seedtime and harvest, summer and winter come with unfailing regularity. The sunshine, the rain, the air—He does not stint them. We eat three times a day, regularly. Sunday, the day of rest, comes unfailingly. We enjoy all these. The *least* we can do is to show our *appreciation* by our *worship* and by our *gifts* at least on the Lord's Day. Why?

a. *The current expenses of the Church continue.* The organists', the sextons', the pastors' salaries continue. The heat, light, and other bills come in regularly. Other expenses must be met at stated times. Spasmodic giving will not pay them. Some pay only when they worship, but they do not worship often. Some wish to pay *monthly*, others *quarterly* or *semi-annually* or *at the end of the year.* God's method is the best.

b. *The benevolent needs of the Church continue.* Our missionaries must be paid regularly. Our orphanages, hospitals, old people's homes need money continually. Therefore the congregation should send their quotas to these objects weekly or monthly. It is *not sufficient* to take offerings for these objects *once* or *twice* a year when many persons will not be present to contribute.

2. *Individually.* Every one in the family should contribute—not only the father, not only those who earn money, not only the husband—but the husband *and* the wife—the father and *each one* of the children should have a separate envelope. Each one eats for himself, sings, prays, worships, communes for himself even though the father only may earn the money. Let him divide his gift for each one. Let also each one *save* in order to give to God. The father gives the *spending* money to those who do not earn in the family, why not the *Church* money?

3. *Proportionately.* As God has prospered him, *God* prospers, therefore God should be *honored* in turn. Away with the coppers! Away with the nickels or even the dimes for God's work! The person who earns $10 a week should give $1 that week to God. If his salary is raised he should give more in proportion, and he should *lay it by first before* anything else is paid. Abel gave the *firstlings* of his flocks and his sacrifice was accepted. Cain gave *sometimes* and his offering was rejected. We should not give "left overs" to God! Only the first and best is good enough for him. Then only will we be blessed.

Questions for Individual Consideration.

1. How does this topic apply to the Luther League?

2. Do *you* contribute by the duplex envelope? As much as you can?

3. Will you note during the year how much you spend on luxuries and see how it squares with your gifts to God?

Read "Efficiency Points," Dougherty. "Duplex Envelope and Every Member Canvass," C. K. Tegley. G. C. Pub. House, 1716 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Bible References.

Ps. 68:9; Jno. 7:38, 39; II Cor. 1:22, 5:5; Lev. 25:37; Isa. 62:8; II Cor. 9:7; Heb. 13:16; I Cor. 13:3; Luke 12:33; Matt. 5:42; Phil. 4:14, 16; Matt. 6:1-3; Rom. 12:8; Deut. 16:10, 17; I Cor. 16:2; II Cor. 8:12, 7:9-13, 2.

Ninth Sunday after Trinity — July 28, 1918.

MY DUTY TO MY CHURCH

Heb. 13:15-21.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Monday—Morning, II Cor. 8:1-24; evening, I Kings 3:16-28.

Tuesday—Morning, II Cor. 9:1-15; evening, I Kings 4:22-34.

Wednesday—Morning, II Cor. 10:1-18; evening, I Kings 5:1-18.

Thursday—Morning, II Cor. 11:1-18; evening, II Chron. 3:1-17.

Friday—Morning, II Cor. 12:10; 13:13; evening, I Kings 8:1-66.

Saturday—Morning, Gal. 1:1-24; evening, I Kings 7:1-12.

HINTS FOR LEADERS.

In the discussion of this subject try to get an expression from the members present of their duty to the Church. Make it personal, if possible.

Hymn, "My Church, My Church, My Dear Old Church," or "In the Vineyard of Our Father," or "Work, For the Night Is Coming."

Follow usual order of service as in L. L. Hymnal.

In "pastures green?" Not always; sometimes He
Who knoweth best, in kindness leadeth me
In weary ways, where heavy shadows be.

And by "still waters?" No, not always so;
Oft-times the heavy tempests round me blow,
And o'er my soul the waves and billows go.

But when the storms beat loudest, and I cry
Aloud for help, the Master standeth by,
And whispers to my soul, "Lo, it is I!"

So, where He leads me, I can safely go,
And in the best hereafter I shall know
Why, in His wisdom, He hath led me so.

(Topic reviewed by Rev. Jesse W. Ball, Ph.D.)

An admirable summary of "My Duty to My Church" is found in this passage of Scripture.

1. *Worship.* If our hearts are filled with music and our mouths with singing we shall find delight in the courts of the Lord. The hymns and chants of the Church are the purest and noblest expression of the praises of God. Besides, the life of the congregation as a whole and as individuals is reflected in the public worship.

The worship of God involves not only praise, but also "confession to His name." Therefore, in the provision for confession our public worship is complete and scriptural.

Therefore, also our worship is offered "through Him," in the name of Jesus, our high priest, our intercessor. The public worship should have no place for so-called hymns, whose music is catchy, but which have no recognition of "the Name which is above every name."

2. *Benevolence.* My duty to my Church requires that I have part in its benevolent activities.

We believe in the universal priesthood. But what are the sacrifices these priests are to offer, since the one Great Sacrifice was offered once for all on Calvary? The sacrifices which it is ours to offer are sac-

fices of praise, of doing good, of communicating our time, our strength, our means to those in need.

But there are members of the Church who seem never to understand that they are to have a part in the organized activities of the Church. Tell them that she is engaged in the care of orphan children, in the care of the aged and infirm, that she is trying to do the decent thing toward aged pastors and their widows by an adequate pension system, to provide churches and pastors for neglected communities, and is dependent on them also to help give the Gospel to the heathen, and they seem scarcely able to understand.

3. *Obedience.* My duty to my Church involves submission to the guiding influence of those in authority in the Church. Failure here spells disaster. No organization can accomplish the purposes of its existence without the loyalty of its members. Beautiful also is the admonition of the seventh verse of this chapter, "Remember them that had the rule over you, men that spake the word of God unto you; and, considering the issue of their life, imitate their faith."

4. *Prayer.* More important still is the duty of prayer. My duty to my Church requires that I pray for her welfare as well as for my own. Oh, that the sentiment of the hymn were deeply written upon every heart:

"For Her my tears shall fall,
For Her my prayers ascend;
To Her my cares and toils be given
Till toils and cares shall end."

Pray for your pastor, for the officers of the church, for the superintendent and teachers of the Sunday school. They need your prayers.

If these duties be diligently and faithfully discharged, then will also the benediction be fulfilled:

"Now the God of peace who brought again from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep, with the blood of the everlasting covenant, even our Lord Jesus, make you *perfect* in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen."

Bible References.

Deut. 10:12; Ec. 12:13; Micah 6:8; Luke 11:42; II Tim. 2:22; Acts 2:47; 5:14; 11:22; I Cor. 10:17; 12:12; Ps. 36:8; 87:5; Heb. 10:25; Jno. 13:34; I Jno. 3:4; Phil. 1:4; 2:1; Rom. 16:17; I Cor. 1:10; 3:3.

LUTHERAN SOLDIERS AT CAMP LOGAN, HOUSTON, TEX.

A pastor form the United Norwegian Church who is on duty at Camp Logan informs us that the Lutheran Church in a quiet and effective way is making the insidious reports of some newspapers and magazines (evidently inspired by persons who did not relish the Quadri-Centennial celebration) look silly. Even the *Literary Digest,* founded by an erstwhile Lutheran, has seen fit to place Lutherans in the column of slackers. This pastor (N. M. Ylvisaker), in a long article written in good vigorous English, confirms the statement made on more than one occasion that in proportion to its size the Lutheran Church ranks first in the number of soldiers furnished for the army. Camp Logan has 1,256 officers and 30,823 men. Naturally Roman Catholics (six times more numerous in the country than Lutherans) furnish 10,578 men; Methodists (three times more numerous), furnish 5,374 men; Baptists (two and one-half times more numerous), furnish 3,380 men; while Lutherans furnish 2,792. The Presbyterians, almost as numerous as Lutherans, come next with 2,164. Episcopalians follow with 1,051, and Congregationalists with 630. This same pastor states that in another camp not far away there are probably 4,000 Lutheran soldiers, though he cannot as yet give exact figures. Because many Lutherans are of German extraction and speak the language of the fatherland is no reason why they need be ashamed of their blood. They seem to be making good American citizens even if they do not talk quite as loudly as some others. Their actions speak louder than their words, for they are setting the pace. Will the *Literary Digest* please copy?

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Intermediate and Junior Topics

JULY 7.

The Hand of God in American History.
By H. G. Deininger.

Scripture Lesson—Joel 2:21-27.

General Truth—The greatest aim in this life for you or for any nation is to obtain and keep God's blessing. How shall this blessing be obtained? Follow, love and serve God. Fail to do so and the great blessing is lost.

Point of Contact—God has indeed blessed America. And we are living in an age of abundant prosperity and enjoying the freedom, rights and privileges that have been developed in the history of the world and, in particular, in this nation. In no nation under the sun are so many blessings enjoyed by all people as in America.

Lesson Developed—Joel exhorted the people of his day to cease from many things that they were doing and to follow the Jehovah; then plague and pestilence should not be, but in their place would be blessings, peace and plenty.

America has been a most favored land. Settled by those desiring civil and religious liberty, God has ever held those ideals high in American hearts and used America to work out the highest and most liberal type of government.

Even in the awful times of wars God has been with us. From the War for Independence came freedom from England, freedom of slaves and the maintenance of Union resulted from the Civil War, freeing the oppressed of Cuba from the Spanish-American War, and now America is again fighting for freedom of the world from autocracy and militarism. God's hand is shown in that He raised up leaders for this nation in the critical hours. The ideals of our leaders were the highest and best in the world. Enjoying great inheritance of citizenship and the blessings of God, we should set ourselves more firmly to the task of preserving and continuing them.

To have these blessings and God's guidance with us in the future and in these trying times, all the people must follow closer in the footsteps of Jesus Christ.

Suggestions—Give examples from the history of the children of Israel to show God's leadership and blessing. Also how sin and failure to follow God brought punishment on that nation.

The greatest thing in life is not to get riches or power, but to love God and to have His blessing.

JULY 14.

Congregation, Conference and Synod.
By H. G. Deininger.

Scripture Lesson—Acts 15:1-5.

General Truth—The Lutheran Church is made up of many different kinds of people with different ways of thinking, different ways of life and spread over great areas. To preserve the true faith and to govern all these people the Church has been organized into congregations, conferences and synods.

Point of Contact—You are a member of a church or congregation. That congregation and other Lutheran congregations near by are joined together to form a conference. In turn a number of conferences in the same section of the country form a synod and the synods in turn combine and form the great governing body for the entire country.

It is much like our civil government. You are a citizen of a village, town or city; these in turn are united into counties, the counties are parts of the State and the States in turn form "the United States."

Lesson Developed—Many questions of church practice and church activity are so important and so large that they must be settled by the largest and greatest governing body. The conducting and maintenance of home and foreign missions are ones that involve all the churches and must be conducted by the largest body. And yet that work must be carried right down to you; therefore the synod, conference and congregation must have some work in this connection to do, whether to raise money or to conduct or supervise the work.

Congregations and conferences are not large enough to maintain homes for aged and orphans, colleges or seminaries for the education of those desiring to be ministers. Therefore these are usually cared for by the synods.

The congregation sends delegates to the conference and synod: the synods, known as District Synods, in turn send delegates to the highest governing body of the Church in this country. Therefore you through your delegates are represented in the meetings of the larger bodies and have a part in making the rules and deciding on activities.

The Benefits—This organization of the Church into its various governing bodies results in better management, better work, more work and better results. The work is more quickly and advisedly performed. In fact, without this organization much of the work could not be done at all.

Practical Hints—1. To what conference and synod does your congregation belong? What works do these bodies have in charge? 2. What is an apportionment? What is the share of your church in the expenses of the conference and synod?

JULY 21.

Raising Money for the Church.
By H. G. Deininger.

Scripture Lesson—I Cor. 16:1-4.

General Truth—God gives prosperity and wealth to the world. God charges us with the work of maintaining the Church and to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Money is needed for this and we, out of thankful hearts, should give all needed funds.

Point of Contact—All that we have has been bestowed on our labors by God. He has blessed us and prospered the work of our hands.

The farmer sows the seed but God gave the seed, the soil in which it is planted, and sends the rain and sunshine that are required in order that it shall grow and increase. It is so indirectly with all our works. That which sustains us is from God. If God does not prosper our work it cannot be successful.

God has given *all* to us. We must then, in appreciation of His goodness, return to Him gifts that are required for the work of the Church.

Lesson Developed—The Church needs money now just as it did in Paul's time and in all ages. The general church bodies look over the needs of the Church for the year and fix the amounts needed. Then they apportion it to the congregations and tell them the amount they should in proportion give to the causes of the Church. In addition there are the needs of the local congregation.

How shall money be raised? By free will offerings. Our offerings should be regular and

ystematic. The expenses of your church go on ach week and we should give toward those xpenses each week. If we are absent, the ffering should be set aside and then placed on he collection plate the following Sunday.

Giving should be the real means of raising oney for the church and therefore this means lone is emphasized. Give at all opportunities ut especially at the free will offerings at the hurch services on Sunday.

The expenses of the local congregation to which we belong must be met. Money is needed to pay the salaries and other expenses. The general church work, home missions, foreign missions, inner and other missions, church extension, maintenance of colleges and seminaries and homes—all require our gifts.

Why shall we give? God gave for us—Jesus Christ, His Only Son, Our Saviour. We must raise money needed to maintain the church and to spread a knowledge of Him and His saving grace throughout the world.

Hints to Leaders—1. Discuss the value of giving regularly and systematically. What is the effect on the church treasury? 2. The pastor has enough to do without raising the money for church expenses. Who should do this? The men and women of the congregation.

JULY 28.

My Duty to My Church.

By H. G. Deininger.

Scripture Lesson—Hebrews 13:15-21.

General Truth—Membership in any organization involves duties and rights that the members have. It is also true of the church. Your membership gives you a number of privileges and also a large number of duties.

Point of Contact—You are a member of the church. Christ, He expects you to do as He commands and to aid in the work of the church. Too many church members are ever ready to enjoy the blessings and rights of their membership and to forget to perform their duty.

Lesson Developed—As a member of the church you have promised to worship, love, honor, trust, serve, obey and love God. You are to lead the cleanest and best life and to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. The first duty I would mention is to be faithful; faithful to God, to Jesus Christ and to your confirmation vows. Faithful not for a day, or a year, but for life. In the lesson assigned many specific duties are mentioned. You must do them and many others, if you are a faithful follower of Christ.

Love God and you will worship, praise, serve and hope in Him. It means that you will read your Bible in order to know more about God and to learn His will. It means that you will seek to be closer to Him in prayer, in worship and in a study of His word. It means that you will serve well in your League and congregation and seek to bring the knowledge of Jesus Christ to many more people. Christ's message was that we should go into all the world and teach of Him and His saving grace. You are therefore to give of your time, your money and your abilities to Jesus, who gave all for you.

My duty—I must attend church services regularly and promptly. I must worship and love God and my fellow man with a whole heart. I must help bring others to Christ by speaking to them myself or by giving money to missions so that others may do so. I must give labor, time and money to my church so that the great work may be done.

Suggestions—Have your pastor give three ways you can help him. A member of the church council will be glad to tell you two ways to help the council upbuild the church. Work for the true success of your church. Offer to help. Don't wait to be asked.

JUNIOR.

JULY 7.

Missionary Topic—Raising the Flag.

By Mrs. E. C. Cronk.

Suggestions for Leader's Introductory Talk—We have been hearing much and seeing much of flags and flag raisings. We love Old Glory and we want our flag to stand for everything that is best. Unless we make the country over which it floats a land which knows and serves the Lord, we are not true Christian patriots.

Bible Lesson—Jesus in His Homeland—Jesus was a true patriot. He did not evade His taxes (Matt. 17:24-27). He recognized the tribute due rulers (Matt. 22:19-21, I Peter 2:13, 14). He and His disciples taught men to be true at the same time to God and to their native land.

Topics for Brief Talks or Papers—What Can We Do for the Immigrants? Our Home Mission Pastors and What They Are Doing.

Lesson Stories—From various sources may be gathered short stories or incidents of people who helped to raise the flag, emphasizing the fact that the position of the stars and stripes is in the keeping of the boys and girls of America.

The Only Flag that Flies Above Old Glory—There is just one flag that flies above the Stars and Stripes. When a Christian service is being held on our U. S. A. ships a flag with a cross is run up above Old Glory, showing that above our country is our God. In these days in which flags are on every hand let us keep the banner of the cross before our boys and girls and as they salute the Stars and Stripes teach them also to salute the Christian flag.

Salute to the Stars and Stripes—"I pledge allegiance to my flag and to the Republic for which it stands: One nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Salute to the Christian Flag—"I pledge allegiance to this flag and to the Savior for Whose Kingdom it stands, one brotherhood, uniting all mankind in service and love."

Service—Plan definitely for the League to have a part in work for foreigners. See that Home Mission opportunities are presented and given place in the work. Some of our societies are emphasizing the call to foreign missionary service by displaying in their meetings a missionary service flag with a star or a small cross for every member of the congregation or of the conference who has gone out to carry the banner of the cross.

JULY 14.

Outdoor Life in the Holy Land.

By Erle Carleton Greiner.

Scripture Reading—Psalm 104:1-24, 33.

General Truth—The lesson is from a psalm of David, the great king of Israel. He is thinking about and telling all the wonderful things in God's great outdoors.

Point of Contact—God gives day for man to work, night for rest; He sends sunshine and rain that all things may grow for man's use; the animals will increase and provide food for the hungry people; and for all his goodness we are to praise and thank him.

The Story—Palestine, known to us as the Holy Land, is noted for the rapid changes and kinds of climate. Hence we find many outdoor vocations followed.

The most beautiful time of the year is the spring, when the whole land is covered with fresh growth, and the flocks and herds can be seen everywhere. When the dry season comes on then the flocks are forced to seek the springs and wells and cannot wander over so great a range of territory. Palestine is famed for its sheep.

There are many farms in Palestine on which are raised wheat, corn and barley. Great vineyards abound now, even as they did in the days of Christ.

Figs and olives produce abundantly and are carefully cultivated. Many vegetables are grown, among these may be mentioned melons, onions, leeks, garlic and bitter herbs.

If we should go to the Holy Land today we would find the men and women cultivating the fields, tending their flocks and herds, caring for their orchards and vineyards very much the same as they did two thousand years ago.

The outdoors of the Holy Land remains the same, breathing of the time when his foot touched its sacred clay, and his voice awoke the echoes of its hills and valleys. Still beautiful, still fruitful, still singing praise of his eternal goodness.

Reference—Schmauck's Bible Facts and Scenes, Chapters 4, 5, 6 and 7. Out of Doors in the Holy Land, by Henry Van Dyke.

Suggestions for Short Talks or Papers by the Juniors—Climate of Palestine. The trees of Palestine. Tame animals and birds of Palestine. Farming in our Savior's day. Flowers of Palestine.

Poster—A card on which are pictures of flowers mentioned in Bible common to Holy Land. Announcement of meeting below. Invitation, lily cut from white paper. "This lily of the field invites you to learn all about outdoors in the Holy Land at Junior League on ....., at ....."

Teach the children the rivers, mountains, animals, etc., of the Bible by having blackboard drills. Have children study the names of all they can find, then drill by putting down first letter on the board and having children guess them.

JULY 21.

Jesus a Lover of Nature.
By Erle Carleton Greiner.

Scripture Lesson—Matthew 6:26-29.

General Truth—The dear Jesus always taught His disciples and followers to trust in God the Father and to look to Him for all needful and useful things.

Point of Contact—Have you ever watched the birds as they looked for their morning meal? Or walked through the woods and meadows and found some of our varieties of native lilies? And then did you stop to think who provides the worms and seeds for the birds to eat, or who gave earth and water and sunshine that the lilies might bloom in such beauty and exhale their wonderful perfume? And don't you think there is a great lesson for us in this? God feeds the birds, he makes the flowers beautiful and they have no immortal soul to save, while you, dear boys and girls, are His children, fashioned in His own image, with a soul, waiting to wing its way to Him; don't you think he has more interest in you and wants you to trust him fully and completely, so you can meet him face to face?

Story—Events in the life of Jesus proving Him a lover of nature. So many of the great things of His life happened in the open, we mention a few of them: He came to John the Baptist, preaching on the banks of the Jordan, for baptism and was proclaimed the Lamb of God, by Him there beneath the clear sky. His temptations in the wilderness were all offered out doors. The first great sermon, the sermon on the mount, was preached in the open air. Many parables are little nature stories teaching a great truth. He gloried in the grandeur of a storm and showed how all nature obeyed His slightest command when He stilled the storm on Galilee. He was very fond of seeking some favorite garden for meditation and prayer. The transfiguration took place in a garden. He was betrayed by Judas while in a garden. He was crucified on a mount with His beloved hills and sunshine all around Him. His bruised body was laid in a new tomb in a garden. His first appearance after the resurrection was to Mary in a garden. His ascension took place from a mount in the open air. What a lesson for you, dear Juniors! Do you love Him and obey Him? If you do, rest assured He is ready to grant every need and many pleasures to you.

Suggestions—Make a list of the nature parables. Of the nature miracles. Mention events in Jesus's life other than those mentioned above that occurred in the open. Did Jesus ever mention other plants or flowers than the lily? If so what were they and what were the lessons taught? What trees did He mention?

Poster—Draw a mustard plant, lily of the field, wheat and tares, stalk of corn or any other common objects used by Jesus in His parables and teachings, below print "Find out what Jesus said about these in His preaching, at Junior League, on ——, at ——. Invitation—same on small card.

In connection with this topic teach children alphabetical list of the parables.

JULY 28.

What Can I Do for Others
By Erle Carleton Greiner.

Scripture Lesson—Matthew 7:7-12.

General Truth—Jesus taught His disciples and followers to ask God for all needful things, promising the Father would hear and graciously grant all requests that would benefit them, and further commanded each one to treat every one as they would wish to be treated.

Point of Contact—Whenever you ask your father or mother for some favor you feel sure if it is right and proper for you to have it they will grant your request. If your parents are so willing to show you kindness how much more willing is God to grant your petitions. All boys and girls like to have their friends kind to them and show them favors and as each one desires courtesy they should show it to others.

The Lesson Developed—The last verse of our lesson is often called the Golden Rule, and as such is well named; for gold always brings to our mind something beautiful and valuable. To do good to others and to treat all persons as we desire to be treated is a beautiful thing and is also a valuable asset to any one.

Two things which every boy and girl should seek to develop in their lives are character and service. And in each one our dear Lord Jesus can be taken as our pattern and guide. If we strive to make ourselves lovely and loving, we build a character strong and beautiful. It will make others love us and want to be like us. As we build such character we will render service to all we meet.

The boy or girl who does not render service

of little real value in the world and will ever achieve any great good in life. Some one has said:

"We build the ladder by which we rise,
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies,
And we mount it round by round."

And so we build our characters from day to day, by one act and another, and all our actions should be only such as have an influence for good. By so doing we build for eternity.

What I can do for others is everything. We are not select just a few things to do, but our whole life, builded Christ-like, patterned after His, will be a life of service to others and this, then, is the sum total of a happy life: service to others, a life cast in the mould of our Saviour and living that we may be ready to meet the Christ when our work here on earth is completed.

For the Leader—Stories: The Good Samaritan; Damon and Pythias; David and Jonathan.

Scripture Reference—Lev. 19:18; Romans 13.8-10; Galatians 5:14.

Poster—Group of children on card—above in colored letters, "Our Motto—Help Others"—time of meeting at bottom. Invitation—small hand cut from colored cardboard—on it print "My Helping Hand," "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might," and on other side, "Come and learn what you can do for others at Junior League, on —— at ——."

Have children do something for others. Let them make candy dolls by dressing mint sticks with crepe paper, or other stick candy with marshmallow for head and take them to sick children.

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CLINGING TO GOD

While there are other things that must legitimately occupy our minds, let us see to it that ever and anon we turn ourselves away from them and betake ourselves with a conscious gathering in our souls to Him and calm and occupy our hearts and minds with the bright and peaceful thoughts of a present God, ever near us and ever gracious to us. Life is a dreary stretch of wilderness unless all through it there be dotted, like a chain of ponds in a desert, these moments in which the mind fixes itself upon God and loses sorrow and sins and weakness and all other sadness in the calm and blessed contemplation of His sweetness and sufficiency. The very heavens are bare and lacking in highest beauty unless there stretch across them the long lines of rose-tinted clouds.—*Alexander Maclaren.*

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ANGEL OF THE HOME

A woman you can trust with your inmost secrets and who will not betray you, and as a wife will help you in your plans and air castles for the future, give you sympathy, love, inspiration and advice when the world and all mankind is harsh and overbearing toward you and seems to have a grudge. A wife who will smooth the road for you when adversity strikes the hardest, is indeed an angel. And you as her protector should return that love and faithfulness to its fullest extent. Make the cup of love overrun. A man should remember that his wife craves for his love and sympathy, not the loafing up town and always nagging. He should share his evenings with her. For is she not entitled to a part? And ever keep sacred the idol of the heart.—*H. Link.*

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THE AMERICAN'S CREED

The city of Baltimore offered a prize of one thousand dollars for the best "American Creed," brief, simple, expressive of the finest national spirit. The prize was won by William Tyler Page, of Friendship Heights, Maryland, whose "Creed" is here given:

"The American's Creed: I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I, therefore, believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies."

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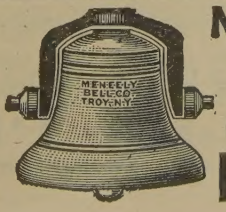
YOUTH'S OUTLOOK

At the dawn of life, when all seems well,
And glorious Nature smiles,
Strike out in life and make it tell
Of deeds that are worth while.
But in the striking out in life,
Remember the one great need:
To know your God and love Him true
And to His precepts heed.
This and only this can make,
No matter what you do,
Your life a blessing to mankind.
So—to Him be true.

—*Rev. Arthur T. Michler.*



MY NEIGHBOR'S ROSE

(This poem was composed by the Hon. Abraham Gruber, and was read in public for the first time by the pastor who conducted the services at his funeral.)

The roses red upon my neighbor's vine
Are owned by him, but they are also mine.
His was the cost, and his the labor, too,
But mine as well as his the joy, their love-
liness to view.
They bloom for me, and are for me as fair
As for the man who gives them all his care.
Thus I am rich because a good man grew
A rose-clad vine for his neighbor's view.
I know from this that others plant for me,
And what they own, my joy shall also be;
So why be selfish, when so much that's fine
Is grown for you, upon your neighbor's vine?

THE FRENCH SPIRIT

As illustrating the spirit displayed by the people of Paris even in the midst of want, a story is told by an American just returned of a French woman who gave a dinner to some American officers. After the dinner they were loud in their praises of the manner in which it was served and of the excellence and liberality of the service. They felt that if such a meal could be served in the fourth year of the war, France could not be in such bad stead. They did not learn until later, through some mutual friends, that this French woman had given up to her guests on that one night her full supply for a week.

One thing we are learning is that psychology is having its part in winning the war. Morale is often mentioned along with food, men and munitions as necessary to a campaign. A part of the French psychology is that they shall never permit themselves to appear "down at the heels." When they do so, then indeed they will have lost something of the spirit that is carrying them on to victory.

It is for us in America to understand and venerate this spirit. It has kept France in the trenches for three and a half years and has made the world safer for Americans. Above everything, we must not confuse their courage with prodigality. France as a whole is in a desperately dangerous condition as to food. It will take all of America's aid to keep her from crossing the danger line. And France knows it and is economizing all she can. But she refuses to put on a doleful countenance. She would rather be heroic with a smile.

WHEN SILENCE IS GOLDEN

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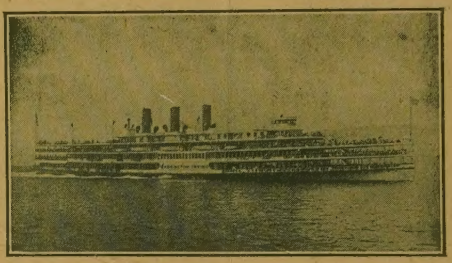

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